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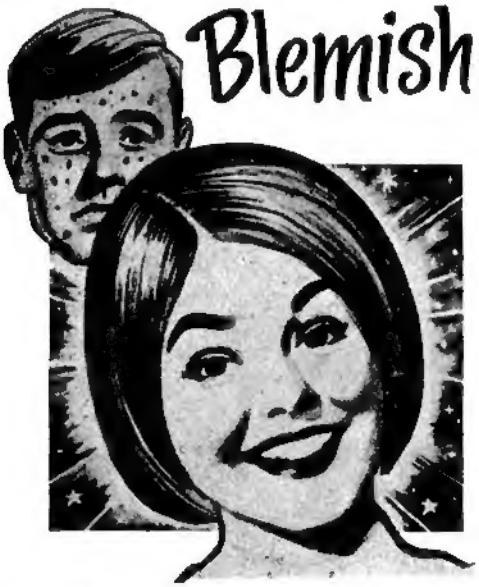
THE FINEST CRACK GERMAN SS DIVISION AGAINST THE AMATEUR G.I.S... NO WONDER THEY CALLED IT DOOMSDAY HILL!
GRIPPING REAL-LIFE EXCITEMENT IN...
"THE WARRIOR"

SKIN SURFACE DISFIGURED BY PIMPLES? BLACKHEADS? FRECKLES?

Blemishes Fade As Skin Clears



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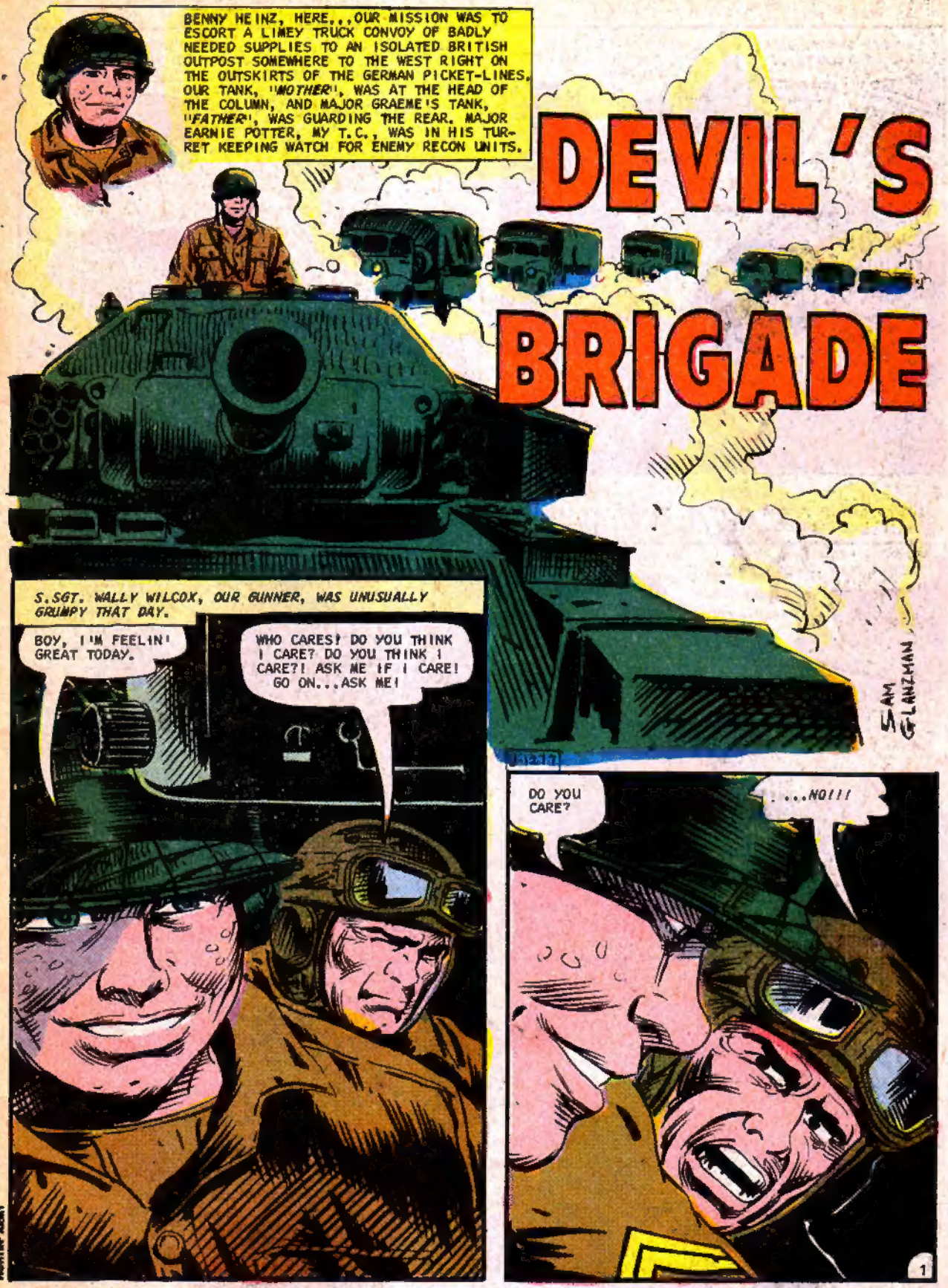
BENNY HEINZ, HERE...OUR MISSION WAS TO ESCORT A LIMEY TRUCK CONVOY OF BADLY NEEDED SUPPLIES TO AN ISOLATED BRITISH OUTPOST SOMEWHERE TO THE WEST RIGHT ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE GERMAN PICKET-LINES. OUR TANK, "MOTHER", WAS AT THE HEAD OF THE COLUMN, AND MAJOR GRAEME'S TANK, "FATHER", WAS GUARDING THE REAR. MAJOR EARNIE POTTER, MY T.C., WAS IN HIS TURRET KEEPING WATCH FOR ENEMY RECON UNITS.
DEVIL'S BRIGADE
SAM GLANZMAN
S.SGT. WALLY WILCOX, OUR GUNNER, WAS UNUSUALLY GRUMPY THAT DAY.
BOY, I'M FEELIN' GREAT TODAY.
WHO CARES? DO YOU THINK I CARE? DO YOU THINK I CARE?! ASK ME IF I CARE! GO ON...ASK ME!
DO YOU CARE?
...NO!!!
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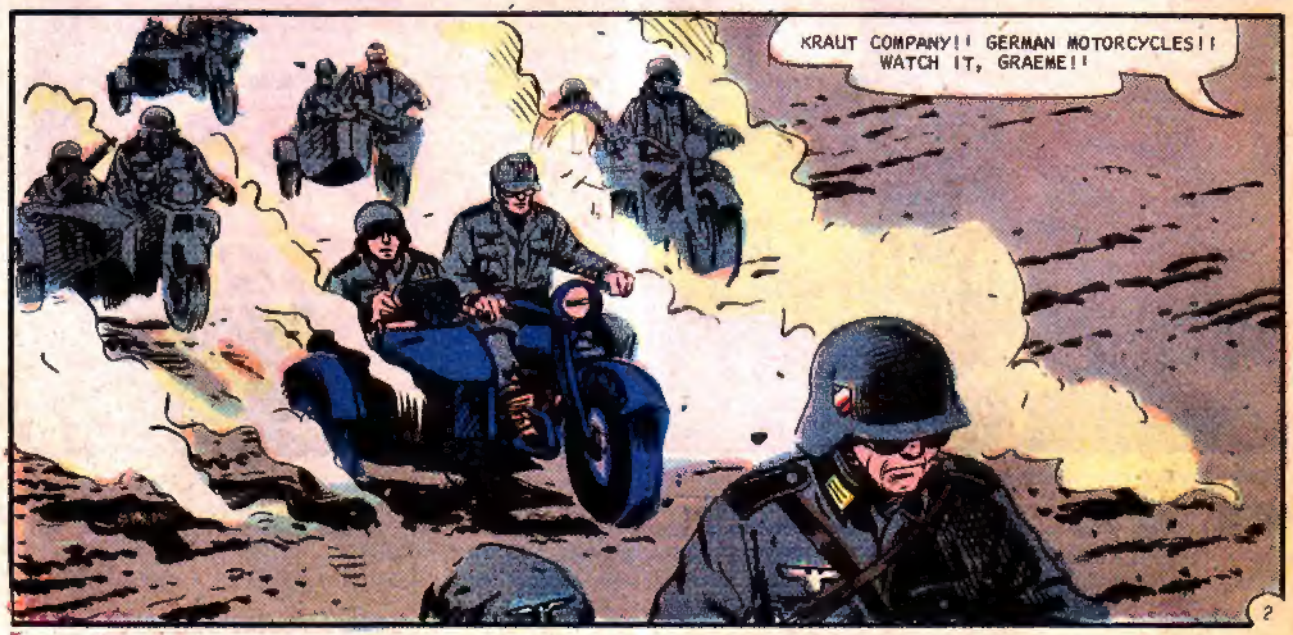
WITH MAJOR POTTER BUSY IN HIS TURRET, MY OPPORTUNITY HAD ARRIVED...AND I COULDN'T RESIST.

NOT ONE "CONGRATULATIONS"...A HANDSHAKE...NOT EVEN A SLAP ON THE BACK...
A SLAP ON THE BACK?! IS THAT ALL YOU WANT? I TELL YOU WHAT, WALTER...I'LL DO EVEN BETTER THAN THAT! I'LL GIVE YOU A PUNCH IN THE BELLY...MAYBE EVEN A KICK IN THE...



LOOKING THROUGH MY PERISCOPE, I COULD SEE THE GERMAN CYCLES BREAK UP INTO TWO GROUPS OF THREE AND START A PARALLEL RUN DOWN THE FLANKS OF THE CONVOY.

SCATTER! SCATTER!

SAVE YOUR BREATH, EARNIE. THOSE DEAF PICADILLY BEER TRUCK-DRIVERS CAN'T HEAR YOU.

A GERMAN GUNNER SQUEEZED THE TRIGGER ON HIS LIGHT MACHINE GUN AND VENTILATED THE TRUCK BEHIND US WITH 7.92 MM BULLET HOLES. THE TWO LIMEYS DIED INSIDE OF THE CAB.

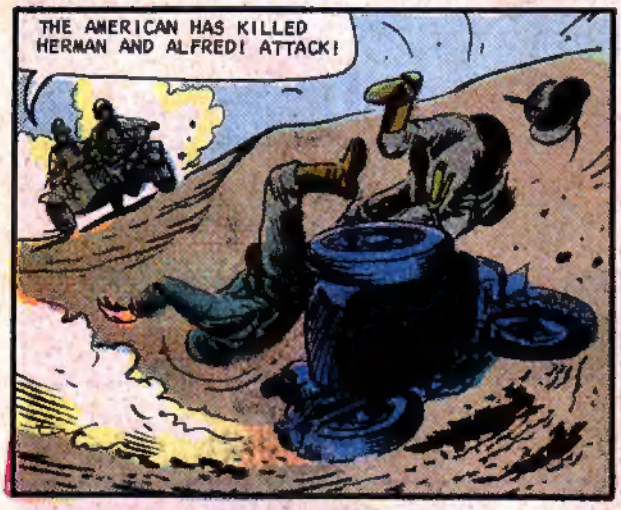
MOTHER

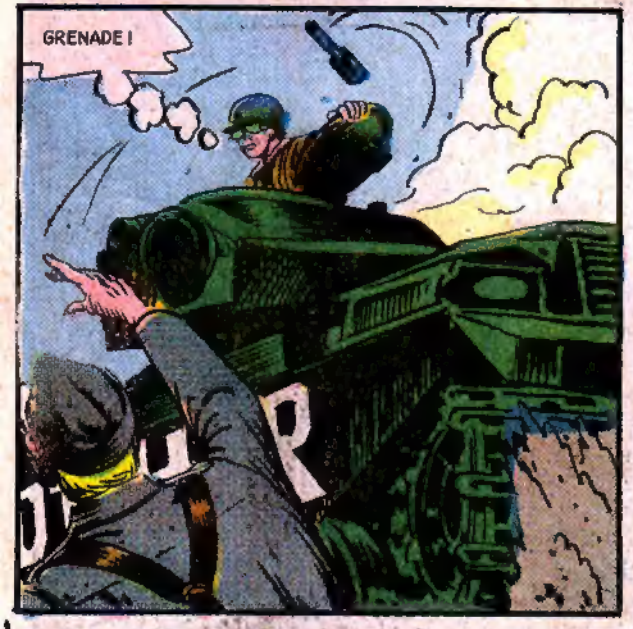
TAKATATAT

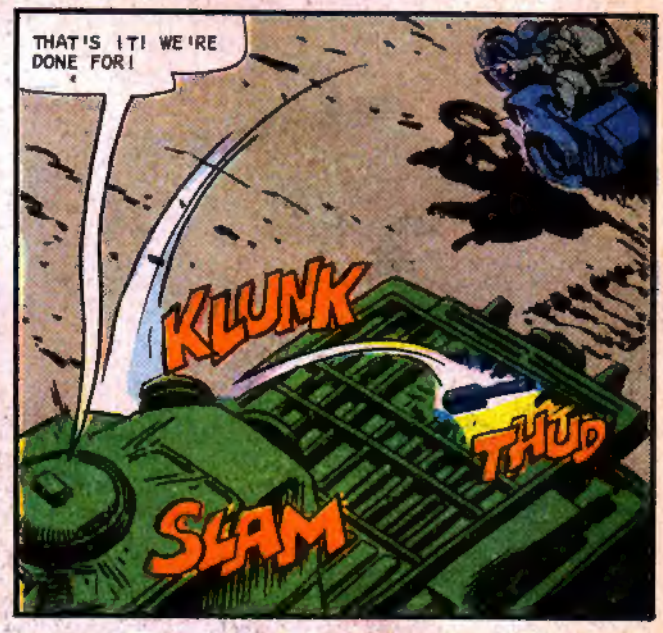
WALLY PASSED A TOMMY-GUN UP TO MAJOR POTTER. HE FIRED THE WHOLE MAGAZINE AT THOSE GERMANS. VERY FEW OF THE MAJOR'S BULLETS HIT THE GERMANS...

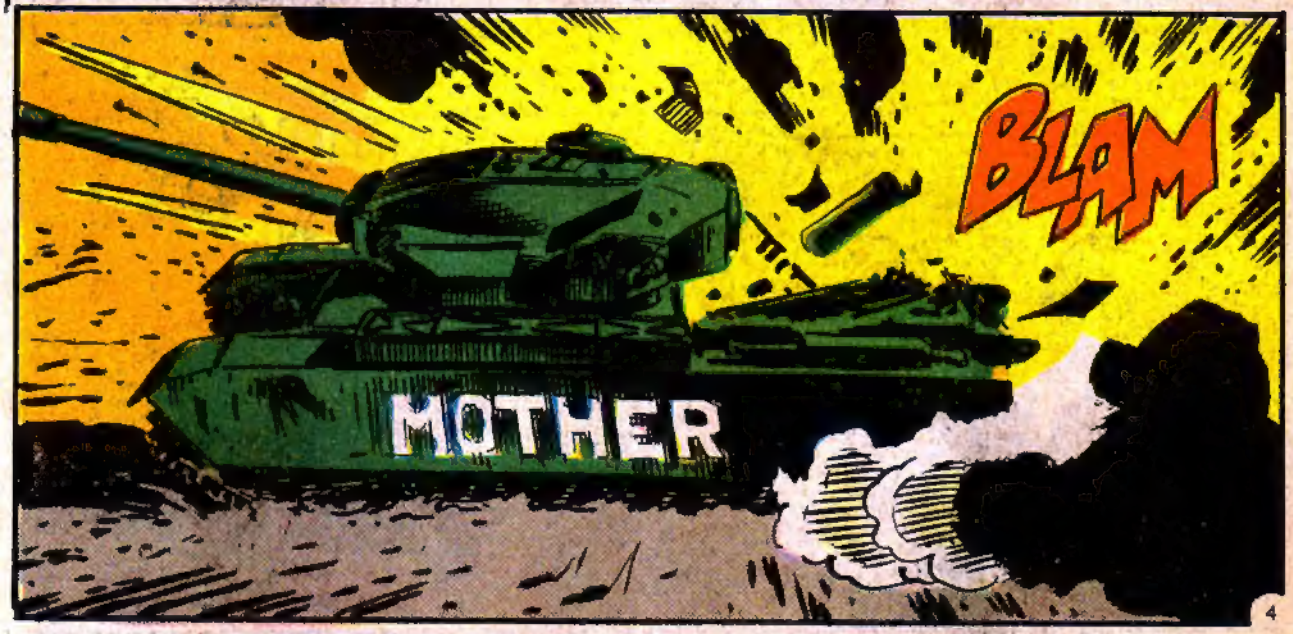
BUDDA BUD

...BUT THOSE FEW WERE ENOUGH. THE GUNNER HUNG OVER THE SIDE OF HIS SIDECAR...THE DRIVER SLUMPED OVER THE HANDLEBARS...AND THE SPEEDING MOTORCYCLE SKIDDED OUT OF CONTROL AND TOPPLED OVER ON ITS SIDE.









THE ONE EXPLOSION SOUNDED LIKE A HUNDRED INSIDE OF THE FIGHTING COMPARTMENT. I FIGURED WE HAD BEEN HIT...BUT WHERE? THEN WE HEARD POTTER'S CRIES...AND FELT THE INTENSE HEAT SPREADING BEHIND US!

WE'RE ON FIRE! IT'S TOO BIG FOR US TO HANDLE! GET OUT, YOU GUYS! GET OUT WHILE YOU STILL CAN!

FLAMES WERE SEEPING INTO THE FIGHTING COMPARTMENT. I GRABBED A THOMPSON AND MADE A SPLIT-SECOND EXIT FROM MY HATCH.

WAIT A MINUTE, EARNIE! I HAVE TA GET MY GUN! YOU DON'T...

NO TIME TO WAIT, YOU OAF! SHE'LL BLOW ANY SECOND! COME ON!

A RUMBLE CAME FROM INSIDE "MOTHER." FLAMES FLICKERED FROM THE COMMANDER'S HATCH...THEN AN EAR-SHATTERING EXPLOSION! "MOTHER'S" TURRET SHOT INTO THE AIR LIKE A ROCKET.

UHN...

WALLY?!

WHOOMP

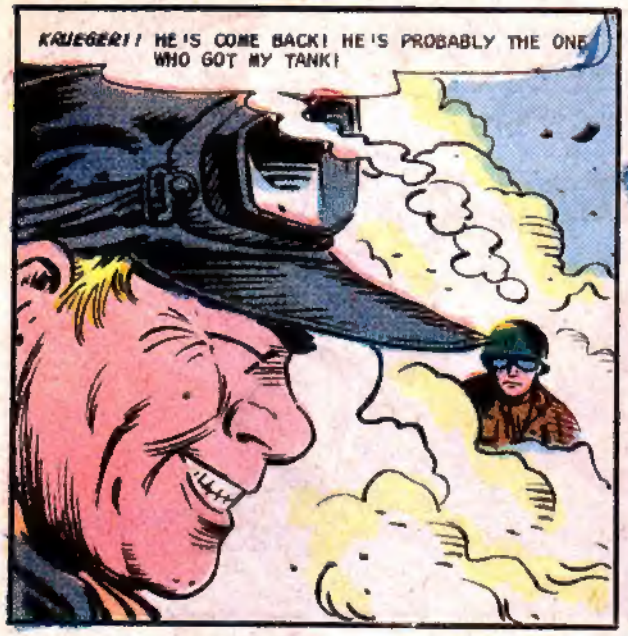
I COULD SEE THAT WALLY WAS JUST...

STUNNED. THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION JUST KNOCKED THE WIND OUT OF HIM. BETTER THAN BEING FRIED. WHERE'RE YOU GOIN'?

GOIN' TO FIND GRAEME. SEE HOW HE'S DOIN'.

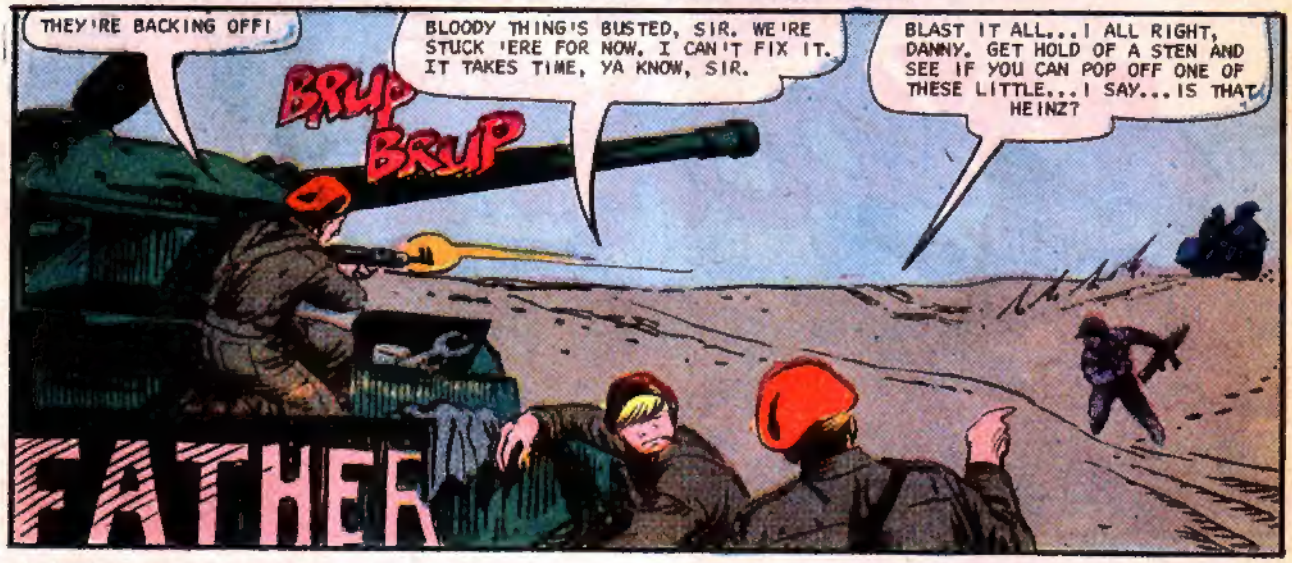
AFTER I LEFT...

HE'LL BE COMING AROUND ...WHO'S THAT?



MY .45! IT'S GONE! MUST'VE FALLEN OUT WHEN I JUMPED FROM THE TANK. HE'S WALKIN' AWAY...RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME AND I CAN'T STOP HIM...TOO TIRED TO MOVE... CAN'T MOVE...YOU'VE GOT A RIGHT TO SMILE, ALBERT... SO GO AHEAD...LAUGH. NEXT TIME YOU WON'T BE SO LUCKY.

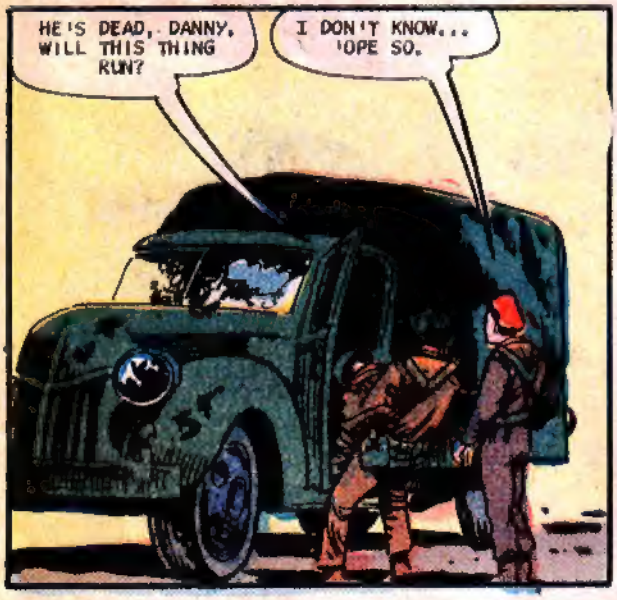
BULLETS FROM SGT. MALCOLM SEARS' STEN GUN DISCOURAGED A PAIR OF GERMANS RIDING A FAST-MOVING MOTORCYCLE FROM RUNNING ME INTO THE GROUND. THEY TURNED AWAY IN SEARCH OF MORE TRUCKS.


THEY'RE BACKING OFF!
BLOODY THING'S BUSTED, SIR. WE'RE STUCK 'ERE FOR NOW. I CAN'T FIX IT. IT TAKES TIME, YA KNOW, SIR.
BLAST IT ALL...I ALL RIGHT, DANNY. GET HOLD OF A STEN AND SEE IF YOU CAN POP OFF ONE OF THESE LITTLE...I SAY...IS THAT HEINZ?
BRUP BRUP
FATHER

YES, SIR. OUR TANK'S BEEN KNOCKED OUT...COMPLETELY DESTROYED. MAJOR POTTER AND S.SGT. WILCOX ARE OKAY, THOUGH.
WELL, THAT'S GOOD. IT'S "SMILING ALBERT" WHO'S DOING ALL THIS, YOU KNOW. I JUST SAW HIM. HE SMILED AT ME, THE LAUGHING FOOL! WHAT AUDACITY! AN IMPUDENT, LAUGHING FOOL!

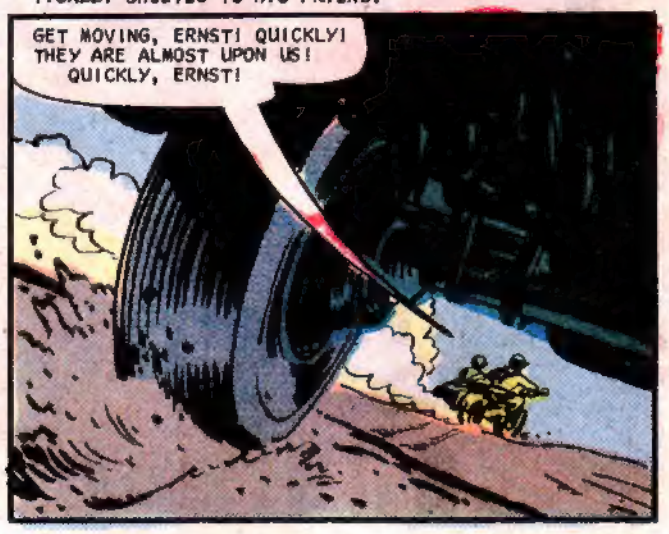
YES, SIR, SIR? I HAVE A PLAN TO GET ONE OR TWO OF THEM...IF COOGAN CAN COME ALONG WITH ME OVER THERE.
OF COURSE. THERE'S NOT MUCH THAT HE CAN DO HERE.

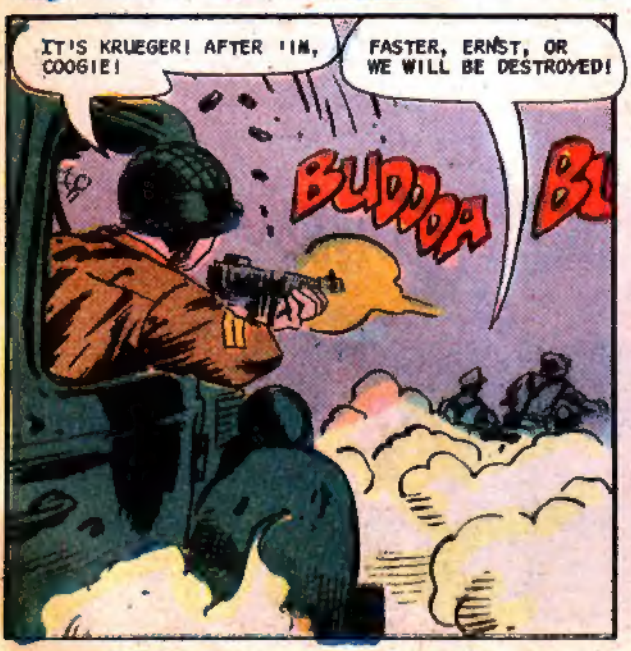
IT DIDN'T TAKE US LONG TO FIND A TRUCK THAT WAS STANDING STILL.



THERE... IT RUNS. I 'OPE THIS'LL WORK. ALBERT'S CYCLES ARE TOO BLASTED FAST FOR OUR TANKS TO SHOOT UP. WHOEVER NAMED "SMILING ALBERT" NAMED 'IM WELL. 'E'S A RUDDY LOON!

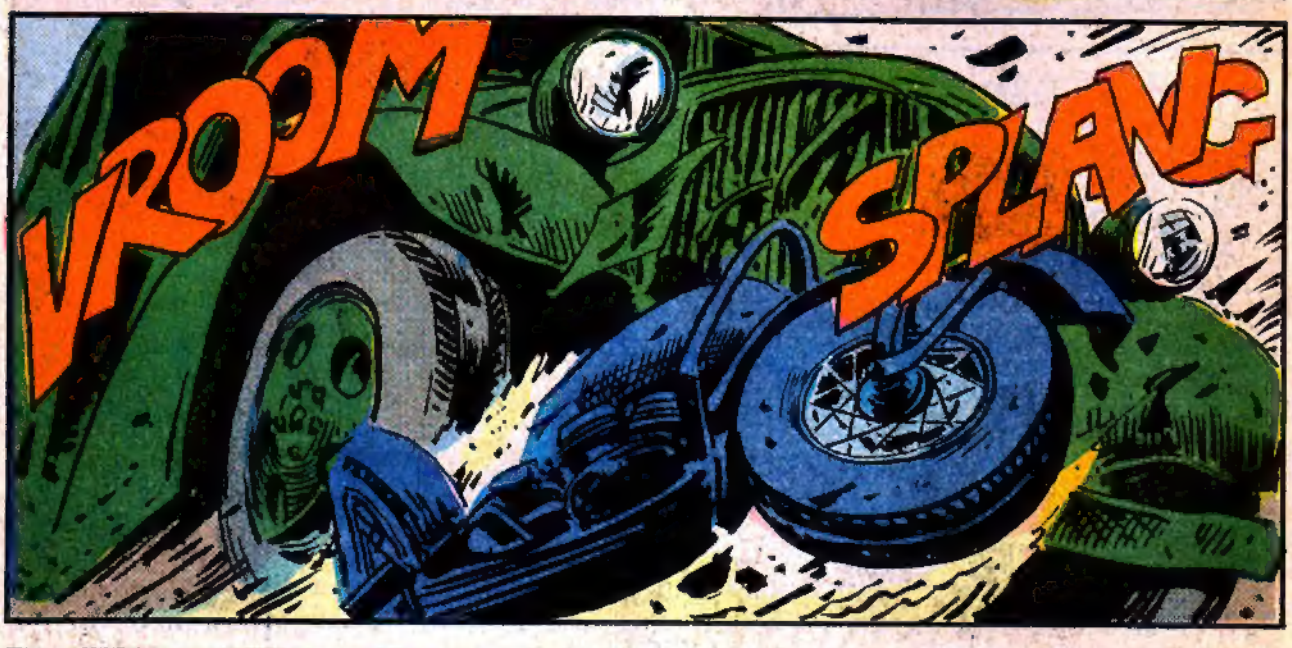
COOGAN PRESSED HIS FOOT TO THE FLOOR AS KRUEGER FRANTICALLY SHOUTED TO HIS FRIEND.

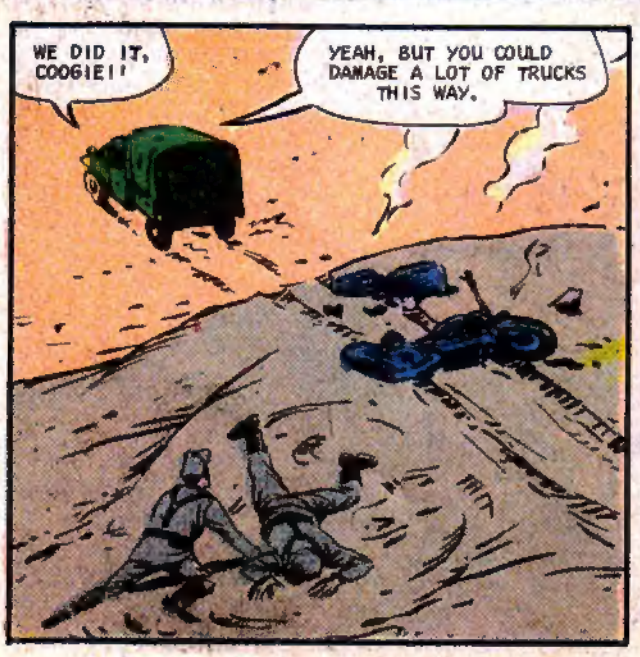


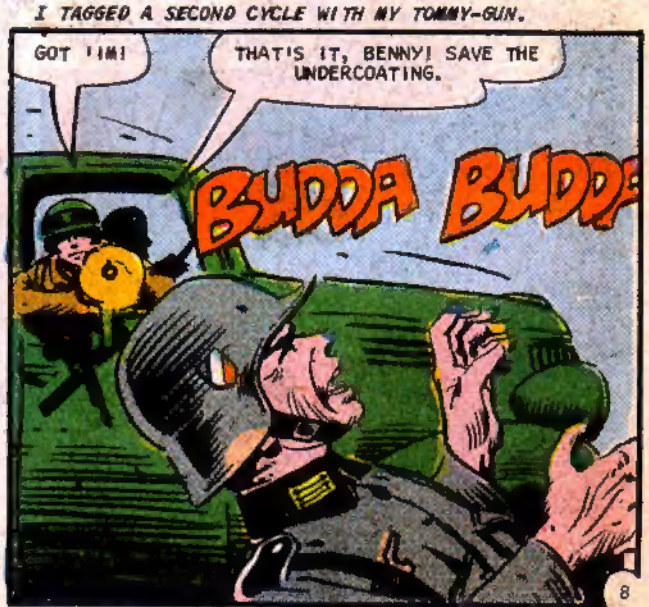


I AM...WOUNDED...I CAN'T... HELP ME, SIR...
GOOD GOD.../ WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT!

VROOM


VROOM
SPLANG


WE DID IT, COOGIE!!
YEAH, BUT YOU COULD DAMAGE A LOT OF TRUCKS THIS WAY.


I TAGGED A SECOND CYCLE WITH MY TOMMY-GUN.
GOT 'IM!
THAT'S IT, BENNY! SAVE THE UNDERCOATING.
BUDDA BUDDA

MAJOR KRUEGER HAS BEEN HIT! WE HAVE ALSO LOST SCHMIDTT'S, NEUMANN'S, AND HEINRICH'S CYCLES AS WELL! ONLY SCHROEDER AND US ARE LEFT...AND WE ARE LOW ON AMMUNITION! WITHDRAW! I WILL SIGNAL SCHROEDER.
THEY'RE LEAVING! IT'S OVER!
WE'VE LOST EIGHT TRUCKS, SIX DRIVERS, AND THREE OTHER PERSONNEL. YOUR TANK ALSO. IT WAS KRUEGER. HAVE YOU SEEN HIM SINCE?
NO.
GOOD SHOW, HEINZ, OLD BOY. YOU AND COOGAN THERE WERE SIMPLY SMASHING! A WIZARD OF AN IDEA. SIMPLY WIZARD!
THANK YOU, SIR. OH, POOR "MOTHER". SHE CAN'T BE FIXED UP ANYMORE. THOSE KIND ARE HARD TO GET, TOO.
WHAT'S BUGGIN' WALLY, MAJOR?
AH, IT'S DISGUSTIN'! AFTER ALL WE'VE GONE THROUGH...LOSIN' OUR TANK ...ALMOST OUR LIVES... HAVIN' ALBERT KRUEGER LAUGHIN' DOWN OUR THROATS AGAIN... THAT HOOPLE-JACK BABY HAS THE NERVE TO SIT THERE BROODING LIKE A SPOILED BRAT 'CAUSE NOBODY REMEMBERED HIS BIRTHDAY TODAY. AIN'T THAT A...

I INTERRUPTED MAJOR POTTER TO GIVE WALLY A TASTE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE.

THE QUESTION. WALLY LOOKED UP AT ME. THE MOMENT OF TRUTH!

I SCRATCHED MY NOSE...CLEARED MY THROAT...HESITATED FOR A FEW SECONDS...THEN,...

A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...

WE...WE HAVE FAILED, SIR?
NO, MY FRIEND. WE HAVE NOT FAILED. I AM QUITE SATISFIED WITH WHAT WE HAVE DONE TODAY. THE "DEVIL'S BRIGADE" KNOWS WHO WE ARE ...THEY KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO...AND THEY WILL FEAR US. MY ONLY REGRET IS THE LOSS OF SIX OF MY MEN...

...AND THE AMERICAN BULLET IN YOUR SHOULDER. WE WILL HAVE YOU FIXED UP SOON. JUST BE PATIENT, MY FRIEND. I HAVE RETURNED ONCE ALREADY. AND I WILL RETURN AGAIN. WE WILL RETURN AGAIN!
THE END

IN MEMORIAM

THIS WAS FRANCE, OCTOBER 1944, AND THE WAR HAD MOVED INTO ITS CRITICAL STAGE. THE NAZI WAR MACHINE COULD SLASH THE ALLIED ARMIES TO RIBBONS IF IT COULD GET LOOSE BEHIND THE TOUGH COMBAT UNITS...HERE, IN THIS QUIET BACKWATER OF WAR, A SMALL FRENCH VILLAGE SLEPT. SO FAR, NO BOMB HAS FALLEN ON BEAUMARCHE...NO BATTLES HAD RAVAGED THE QUAINT LITTLE HOUSES...AND THE MAYOR, PAPA LEBLANC, ASSURED SGT. STANG WHO HAD LED HIS SQUAD UP THE ROAD TO THE TOWN BESIDE THE SWOLLEN STREAM THAT THERE WERE NO HATED BOCHE IN THE VICINITY. THEN, HE SHOWED SGT. STANG THEIR MONUMENT TO THAT OTHER WAR...AND SGT. STANG TOLD THE MAYOR SOMETHING HE HADN'T KNOWN.

THIS VILLAGE WAS *TRES IMPORTANT* IN 1918. THE BOCHE WANTED TO CROSS THE BRIDGE...BUT ONE BRAVE AMERICAN STAYED WHEN ALL OTHERS FLED! HE FIRED THE 75 MILLIMETER CANNON UNTIL THE GERMAN DEAD WERE PILED HIGH ON THE BRIDGE AND THEY TURNED BACK.

NICHOLAS ALASCIA

I KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT BATTLE, PAPA LEBLANC... I CAME HERE ON PURPOSE, BECAUSE MY NAME IS STANG, CORPORAL LEE STANG IS MY DADDY...HE TOLD ME TO LOOK YOU UP SO HERE I AM.

MARVEILLEUX! COME...YOU MUST EAT WITH US...I MUST TELL THE VILLAGERS!

QUIT WHISTLIN' AT DAMES, O'REILLY...WE ALL STINK WORSE 'N A WET DAWG! WHAT WE NEED IS A BATH AN' CLEAN CLOTHES!

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WE'VE BEEN FIGHTIN' KRAUTS FOR A MONTH WITHOUT A CHANCE TO CLEAN UP! NO SIGNS OF GERMANS NEARBY... MY MEN MAY BE ABLE TO WASH UP A LITTLE.
MAIS, OUI, SERGEANT. MY WIFE, SHE WILL FEED YOUR MEN HOT SOUP AND FRESHLY BAKED CROISSANTS.
WAIT'LL I WRITE TO DAD AND TELL HIM I'M HERE IN BEAUMARCHE... THAT I SAW THE PLAQUE THEY'VE GOT HERE IN HIS HONOR.
STILL THINKING OF THOSE TALES OF WORLD WAR 1 HE'D HEARD AS A BOY, SGT. STANG WASHED IN A BIG, TIN TUB...AND HIS FATHER HAD ALSO DONE THE SAME THING IN THE SAME TUB!
FUNNY THE WAY THINGS HAPPEN...I ONLY HOPE MY SON NEVER GETS BACK HERE IN A WAR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS FROM NOW.
WONDER IF THAT KRAUT OFFICER, VON DEUTCHER, IS STILL AROUND. VON DEUTCHER LED THE GERMAN ATTACK...DAD CLOBBERED HIM BAREHANDED WHEN THE KRAUT REACHED THE CANNON!
LOOK, SERGEANT! THIS WAS THE HAT THAT YOUR HONORED FATHER WORE ...THIS WAS HIS COAT! WE KEPT THEM AFTER THE MEDICS CAST THEM ASIDE TO TREAT HIS WOUNDS.
MEANWHILE, A FEW MILES EAST...
KLANK KLANK

ARE YOU CERTAIN, HERR COLONEL VON DEUTCHER? THIS IS ONLY A SMALL COUNTRY ROAD! IF OUR TANKS ARE DISCOVERED BY THE...
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO I LED A COLUMN OF INFANTRY DOWN THIS SAME ROAD.
THEN, AS NOW, THE AMERICANS WERE PRESSING US BACK AND IT WAS MY INTENTION TO KNIFE THROUGH THEIR LINE ACROSS THE STONE BRIDGE AT BEAUMARCHE! THE BRIDGE IS THERE, I FLEW OVER BEAUMARCHE IN AN OBSERVATION PLANE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.
VROOM
KLANK KLANK
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AS ANY FOOL CAN SEE, THE BRIDGE SPANS A DEEP, TURBULENT STREAM WHICH OUR TANKS CANNOT FORD. THE TOWN SQUARE OCCUPIES THE WEST END OF THE BRIDGE... IN FACT, ONE CANNON, RIGHT *THERE*, MAY HAVE WON WORLD WAR 1 FOR THE VERDAMMT ALLIES! A CANNON MANNED BY A HARDFISTED AMERICAN FOOL WHO REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE INEVITABILITY OF DEFEAT!
THIS TIME IT WILL NOT HAPPEN. BEFORE I COMMIT MY TANKS TO THIS ATTACK I PERSONALLY WILL LEAD A PATROL INTO THE VILLAGE AND BE SURE IT IS UNOCCUPIED BY ENEMY TROOPS.
TWENTY MINUTES LATER...
THERE IS A FOOTBRIDGE 400 YARDS UPSTREAM. WE WILL CROSS ON THAT.

LE MAYOR HAD ASSIGNED A MAN TO GUARD THIS BRIDGE...BUT THE SENTRY WAS TEMPORARILY DISTRACTED...
CELESTE, YOU ARE MY GIRL. STAY AWAY FROM THE YANKS.
UNGH!
OPERATION CLEAN UP IS UNDERWAY WHEN THE NAZI PATROL REACHED BEAUMARCHE. THERE WAS AMPLE EVIDENCE OF AMERICANS...
LOOK, HERR COLONEL!
THE AMERICANS HAVE A SAYING WHICH COVERS THIS...THEY ARE CAUGHT WITH THEIR PANTS DOWN! WE WILL CAPTURE THEM WITHOUT UNNECESSARY NOISE.
SOMETHING IS HAPPENING IN THE VILLAGE, OTHERWISE THERE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A SENTRY HERE. BE ALERT FOR AN AMI PATROL. SCHNELL!
JAH. MACH SCHNELL!
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MY NEPHEW IS CERTAIN HE HEARD ENGINES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREAM, SERGEANT. THE GERMANS MAY BE COMING.
AS SOON AS WE'RE DRESSED, I'LL TAKE A LOOK ACROSS THE BRIDGE, SIR.
I MADE A BOO-BOO. I SHOULD'VE ONLY PERMITTED *HALF THE SQUAD* TO CLEAN UP AT A TIME! IF THE KRAUTS EVER COME AT US NOW...
THE WORDS WERE STILL ECHOING IN THE ROOM WHEN THE WINDOWS WERE KICKED OPEN... AND THEN THE DOOR SMASHED IN!
STUPID AMERIKANER!
STAND STILL, SCHWEINHUNDT!
THEY'VE GOT US! DON'T DO ANYTHING DUMB OR THEY'LL CUT US ALL DOWN!
IT IS *YOU*, BOCHE... I SAW YOU GET THAT SCAR A QUARTER-CENTURY AGO! NOW, YOU ARE BACK..
I HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT I COULD HAVE WON WORLD WAR ONE FOR DER VATERLAND...BY LEADING A *BREAK-THROUGH* AT THIS POINT!
IT WON'T WORK THIS TIME, COLONEL. OUR AIR FORCE IS.. ...

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THERE IS HEAVY OVERCAST...YOUR AIR FORCE WILL REMAIN ON THE GROUND WAITING FOR CLEAR SKIES! NO ...ONCE MY TIGERS ARE ACROSS THE BRIDGE, I'LL SLICE *THROUGH* THE NON-COMBATANT SUPPORTING FORCES RIGHT TO THE NORMANDY COAST.
HE MIGHT JUST MAKE IT...I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM! I CAN HEAR THE TANKS NEARING THE BRIDGE NOW.
YOU ARE WEAPONLESS. YOU DO NOT EVEN HAVE CLOTHES. YOU ARE HELPLESS!
THE CANNON, SERGEANT! HURRY!
PAPA LEBLANC THOUGHT OF THE *SAME THING* I DID!
BON, MON AMI! THE CANNON IS OILED AND WILL FIRE! AMMUNITION IS IN THE BOX! HERE, PUT THESE ON, SERGEANT!
OKAY...START HANDIN' ME SHELLS, PAPA!
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KLANK KLANK
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HOW? I NEVER SAW ONE OF THESE *ANTIQUES* BEFORE!
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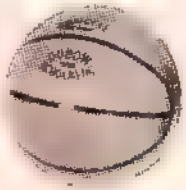

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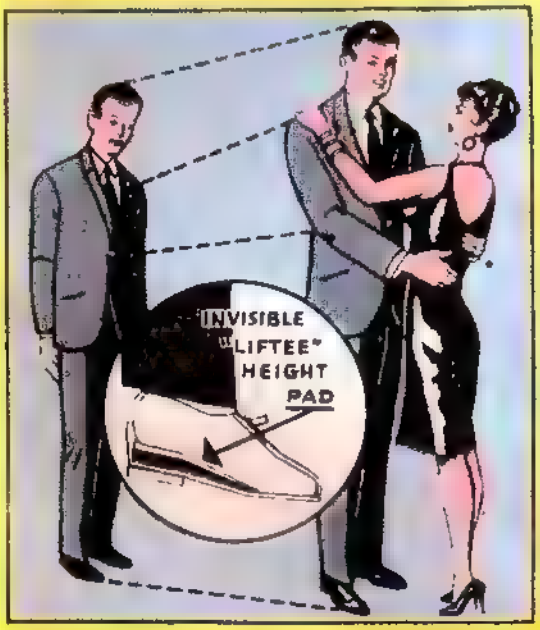

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There was a time in the early history of mankind—even before the period when writing was invented—that combat was on a purely physical level. Using only physical strength two men fought each other. Or a group of men fought another group of men. Somewhere along the line, somebody got an idea of lifting large heavy stones and dropping them on an enemy that was advancing uphill. At that moment the first weapon was created. Then probably came the primitive stone hammer. When simple snares were used to trap small animals—there was a military idea waiting for somebody to utilize. For even today the bamboo pit with sharpened stakes is being used to trap and injure soldiers.

Today experts and scientists are busy working, developing materials and ideas to be used in warfare. I will tell you about some of the recent ones However, everything here is cleared for release, so, if by chance an enemy spy should read this, well, it won't help his country very much! For certain special items are top secret, and that is the way it should be.

A tiny but sensitive gyroscope is being tested by the Air Force. It is called DART (for Dual Axis Rate Transducer). The little instrument is expected to stabilize aircraft, missiles and space reentry vehicles. It may also be used to drive cockpit indicators and provide mid-course guidance and control for missiles. DART is shock-resistant and so small it can easily be held in the palm of a man's hand Because it is small, several can be installed in a single system. If one gyroscope fails, a second or third would serve as a backup The gyroscope's heart is a half-inch sphere filled with mercury and an assembly of crystal sensing rods. When an aircraft or missile changes direction, the mercury activates the rods which send impulses through wires to auxiliary electric equipment.

The gyro's sphere is suspended on ball bearings and rotates at 24,000 revolutions per minute. Speed is maintained by a tiny electric motor which operates in the same housing as the gyro on regular aircraft current.

Airplane wings made of glass fibers held together with plastic may be in the Air Force's future. A 40-square-foot wing section is being built which, according to test engineers, will have three times the strength and one-third the weight of an aluminum wing. It will, the engineers say, enable a plane to fly farther, carry more weight and maneuver more easily. The glass-plastic wing, however, isn't expected to compete with structures made from stiffer composites. It is simply to demonstrate the usefulness of lightweight materials in parts where stiffness is less critical

The wing is being designed to use the glass-reinforced plastic to best advantage in meeting the operational stress levels of aircraft. This is done by aligning the fibers in the directions in which the stresses occur. Continuous fibers supply the strength of structural spars, ribs and skin. The yarn-like glass strands used in the material are formed by twisting together about 4000 smaller glass filaments and treating them with an epoxy resin. Building a wing by the winding technique is expected to be much less expensive and more simple than by conventional manufacturing methods

The Air Force unleashed a squadron of Dragonships against the Viet Cong last year and has received nothing but praise for the performance of the modified C-47 transport The secret to the success of their AC-47 is a new compact, quick-firing, gatling-type gun used to support ground forces in South Vietnam. Known informally as a mini-gun, the weapon is fired through gunports in the side of the Dragon-ship Its firepower is far from "mini," however, as the rate of fire from three of the six-barreled guns have a combined production of 18,000 per minute. The new models have an electrically powered reloading system and a greater ammunition capacity than the guns they replaced

A technique of making aerial maps of areas continually covered by clouds has been developed by the Army The cloud-covered area is first recorded on radar-photographs and later converted to topographic maps. The new system was tested over a portion of southeast Panama and northwest Columbia Because these sections are always under a dense cloud cover, previous efforts to obtain the photographs needed for map-making was unsuccessful The maps will cover an area of 6600 square miles

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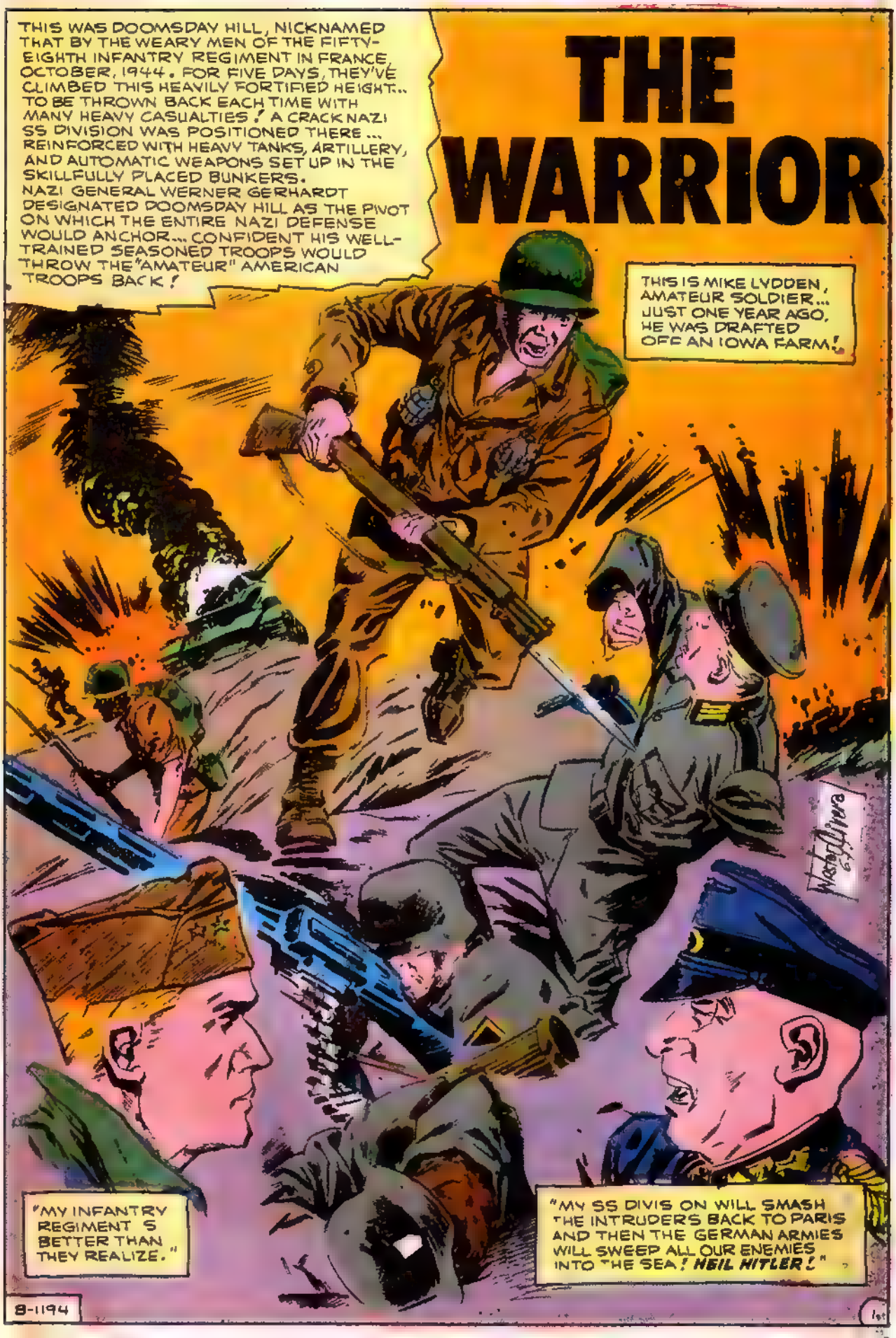
THIS WAS DOOMSDAY HILL, NICKNAMED THAT BY THE WEARY MEN OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY REGIMENT IN FRANCE, OCTOBER, 1944. FOR FIVE DAYS, THEY'VE CLIMBED THIS HEAVILY FORTIFIED HEIGHT... TO BE THROWN BACK EACH TIME WITH MANY HEAVY CASUALTIES! A CRACK NAZI SS DIVISION WAS POSITIONED THERE ... REINFORCED WITH HEAVY TANKS, ARTILLERY, AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS SET UP IN THE SKILLFULLY PLACED BUNKERS. NAZI GENERAL WERNER GERHARDT DESIGNATED DOOMSDAY HILL AS THE PIVOT ON WHICH THE ENTIRE NAZI DEFENSE WOULD ANCHOR... CONFIDENT HIS WELL-TRAINED SEASONED TROOPS WOULD THROW THE "AMATEUR" AMERICAN TROOPS BACK!
THE WARRIOR
THIS IS MIKE LYDDEN, AMATEUR SOLDIER... JUST ONE YEAR AGO, HE WAS DRAFTED OFF AN IOWA FARM!
"MY INFANTRY REGIMENT S BETTER THAN THEY REALIZE."
"MY SS DIVIS ON WILL SMASH THE INTRUDERS BACK TO PARIS AND THEN THE GERMAN ARMIES WILL SWEEP ALL OUR ENEMIES INTO THE SEA! HEIL HITLER!"
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MIKE LYDDEN HAD WANTED TO ENLIST WHEN HE WAS 18... BUT HIS MOTHER MADE HIM PROMISE TO WAIT TILL THE ARMY DRAFTED HIM...! WHICH THEY DID IN THE SUMMER OF 1943.
DRAFT ROOM
I'M 1A, DAD. THEY'LL TAKE ME IN SEPTEMBER.
I WISH THEY'D TAKE ME INSTEAD, SON.
YOU BE AS GOOD A SOLDIER AS YOU CAN, MIKE. REMEMBER, IT'S NATURAL TO BE AFRAID, ESPECIALLY WHEN EVERYTHING'S NEW TO YOU BUT YOU'LL FIND THE COURAGE TO DO WHATEVER HAS TO BE DONE.
LIKE ALL DRAFTEES, MIKE WAS AWKWARD... FELT STUPID...
YOU LEFT-FOOTED HAY-SEEDS WILL GET IT RIGHT IF I GOTTA KEEP YOU HERE ALL NIGHT!
THE SKILLS CAME SLOWLY... LYDDEN HAD HUNTED, THOUGH, AND HE COULD HIT WHAT HE AIMED AT.
BASIC TRAINING WAS SHORT... THE ARMY HAD A JOB IN EUROPE AND THE PACIFIC AND THE ENEMY WOULDN'T WAIT! BUT PFC MIKE LYDDEN THOUGHT HE COULD DO THE JOB... MAYBE...
2.

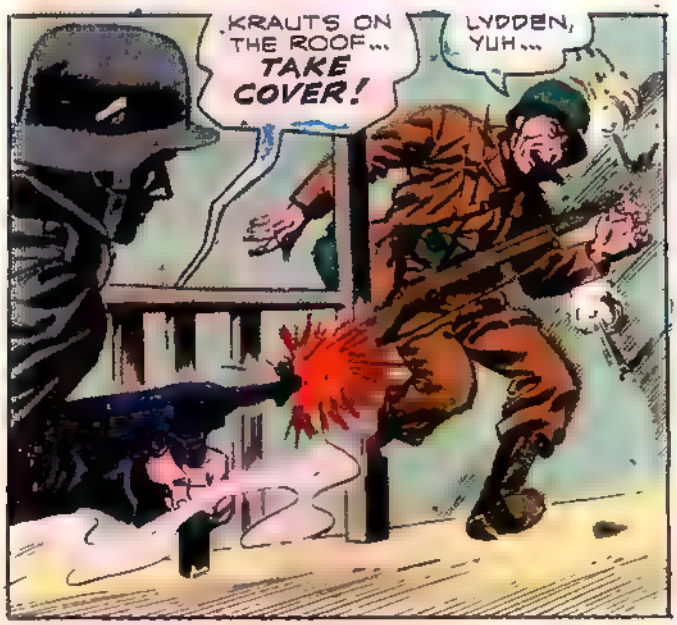
NEXT STEP, A HUGE TROOP TRANSPORT HEADED FOR THE E.T.O....
I HEAR THE KRAUTS ARE ALL COMBAT VETERANS NOW... ONE GERMAN'S EQUAL TO ANY THREE FROGS OR LIMIES.
YEAH... BUT NOT AS GOOD AS US, RIGHT?
I'M SCARED... AND THE CLOSER WE GET THE MORE SCARED I GET.
THE NAZIS WILL WIPE US OUT! NOBODY IN OUR OUTFIT KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT COMBAT!
WHY AREN'T YOU DOWN BELOW SLEEPING, SON?
I COULDN'T SLEEP, GENERAL! I GUESS I'M JUST SCARED!
I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU SON. I'M SCARED TOO...
ANYONE BUT A TOTAL FOOL IS FRIGHTENED BEFORE GOING INTO BATTLE. THE DANGER IS REAL AND...
I'M NOT SCARED OF BEING HURT, SIR... I'M SCARED I WON'T BE GOOD ENOUGH TO DO THE JOB!
THAT'S ONE THING I'M NOT AFRAID OF, SON... I KNOW YOU MEN... YOU'RE ALL BETTER THAN YOU THINK!
3.

THIS WAS MIKE'S INTRODUCTION TO COMBAT ... ONE OF THE COSTLIEST BATTLES IN THE BLOODY HISTORY OF MAN ... THE ASSAULT OF NORMANDY BEACH!
COME ON ... WE GOT TO GET TO THEM UP THERE!
THEY'RE FIRING RIGHT DOWN OUR THROATS!
IF I STAND AROUND BAWLIN', I'LL GET KNOCKED OFF ... I'LL MAKE A TRY BEFORE I GO DOWN!
THERE'S A KRAUT HALFWAY UP THE... AAGHH!
I CAN REACH HIM WITH A GRENADE ... GOT TO TIME 'T SO HE CAN'T KNOCK 'T BACK DOWN AT ME!
I HELD THE GRENADE AS LONG AS I DARED!
4.

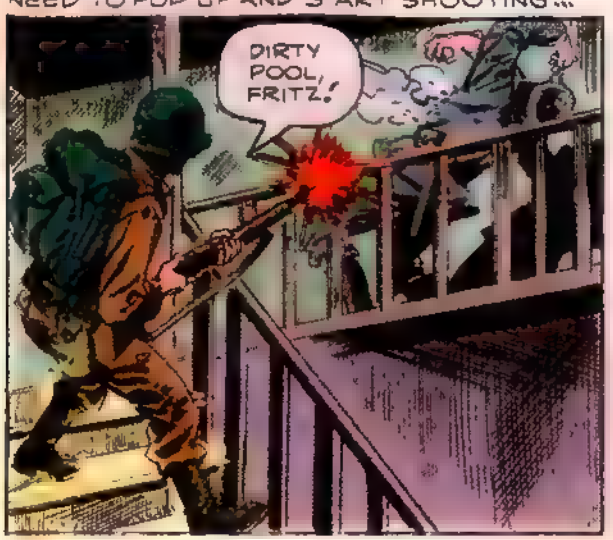
THIS WAS ALL UNREAL TO THE DRAFTEE. NEVER, IN HIS WILDEST DREAMS DID HE THINK HE'D BE CAPABLE OF THIS ... YET, HERE HE WAS, ONE OF THE FEW WHO LIVED TO REACH THE BLUFF ... NEARING THE TOP WHERE THE NAZI PROFESSIONALS WAITED!
THEY'LL KILL ME AS EASILY AS I'D SWAT A FLY BACK HOME!
HE ... HE'S SCARED!
VERDAMMT AMERIKANER!
A FEW GIS ARE AT THE TOP OF THE CLIFF ... I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THEY CAN STAY THERE!
EEEIIII!!!
SUDDENLY, WHAT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE WAS A REALITY ... THEY HAD THE BLUFF ... MORE GI'S WERE LIVING TO CROSS THE BEACH ... HEAVY EQUIPMENT WAS COMING IN NOW!
WHO WAS FIRST UP THE CLIFF?
THAT KID ... LVDDEN'S HIS NAME!

HISTORIANS HAVE CALLED IT THE LONGEST DAY... IT SEEMED TO LAST A LIFETIME TO MIKE LYDDEN.
WE WIPED OUT A NAZI COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE FARMHOUSE! WHEN WILL WE QUIT? WE CAN'T REACH BERLIN ON THE FIRST DAY!
I MADE IT. SOMEBODY SAID IF YOU LIVED THROUGH THE FIRST DAY, YOU HAD A GOOD CHANCE TO MAKE IT ALL THE WAY!
I SURE MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES TODAY. I CAME OVER THAT CLIFF WITHOUT TOSSIN A GRENADE FIRST TO SOFTEN 'EM UP... I CROSSED A FIELD STRAIGHT UP ASKIN' TO BE SHOT! I WENT INTO THAT FARMHOUSE AND LOOKED FOR SOUVENIRS... THE KRAUTS BOOBY TRAP THAT STUFF FOR JERKS LIKE ME!
I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE THEM MISTAKES AGAIN!
ST. LO... MORE MISTAKES, MORE LESSONS, MORE DEAD MEN! BUT PFC LYDDEN WAS A SURVIVOR... HE LEARNED, REMEMBERED!
LYDDEN, THERE'S A STRONG-POINT. TAKE CORPORAL JANUS AND GO UP TO THE ROOF. COME AT THE KRAUTS, FROM ABOVE!
HERE WE GO AGAIN!
6.

LYDDEN WENT UP THROUGH THE HOUSE ... NOT LEAVING ANY UNOPENED ROOMS TO HIDE NAZIS WHO'D BE AT HIS BACK LATER ON!



FOR A SECOND, THE GERMAN WASN'T ALERT... WHILE HE WAS WAITING FOR THE GRENADE TO EXPLODE! THIS WAS ALL THE TIME MIKE NEED TO POP UP AND START SHOOTING...



I THOUGHT YA FORGOT TO PULL THE PIN! WHO TAUGHT YA THAT ONE?
NO ONE. I JUST NOW THOUGHT OF IT. I HAD TO HAVE A WAY TO GET TO THE ROOF, DIDN'T I?

WHAT'RE YOU SMELLING? IT MUST'VE BEEN A PAINT WAREHOUSE OR FACTORY.
I THOUGHT SO. YOU'VE GOT A PHOSPHOROUS GRENADE...GIVE IT TO ME!
THESE DRUMS MUST BE FULL OF SOLVENT OR INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL!
AMERIKANER SCHWEIN! THERE IS FIRE ... WE MUST LEAVE QUICKLY!
WHOOOSH
RESISTANCE ENDED... LYDDEN AND THE G.I. REJOINED THE PLATOON...
A MEDIC BROUGHT THE CORPORAL OUT, LYDDEN. ANY GERMANS INSIDE?
OUR GUYS GOT 'EM ALL I THINK!
THERE WAS MAIL CALL LATER... AND 19 YR. OLD MIKE SMILED AS HIS FATHER WROTE ADVICE TO THE BOY HE REMEMBERS ... A BOY WHO WAS A GROWN MAN NOW...
A MAN WHO KILLS!
8.

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YOU WOULD BE WISE TO SURRENDER YOUR INEXPERIENCED REGIMENT NOW, ROLLINS. THEY ARE DOOMED IF THEY AGAIN ATTACK DOOMSDAY HILL!
THEY WOULDN'T QUIT NOW IF I ORDERED IT, FRITZ. AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM BEING INEXPERIENCED... THEY LEARNED PRETTY FAST SINCE NORMANDY!
WHERE THEY STOOD, THEY HAD DOOMSDAY HILL IN PLAIN SIGHT. GEN. GERHARDT USED AS AN EXAMPLE OF GERMAN PROWESS, A MACHINE GUN CREW.
WATCH THESE MEN, ROLLINS. THEY ARE UNBEATABLE! THEY ARE PROFESSIONALS!
"LOOK, ONE OF YOUR DRAFTEES, ROLLINS! MOVING ZOMBIE-LIKE, TOWARD EXECUTION. NO FIRE, NO ESPRIT DE CORPS!"
9.

HE WAS CLOSE ENOUGH AND MIKE SEARCHED FOR A PARTICULAR ENEMY TO ATTACK!
OKAY, KRAUT... HERE I COME!
LYDDEN SQUEEZED OFF A FULL CLIP ... AND TWO OF THE BULLETS FOUND A TARGET!
NEIN, AMI... DO NOT KILL! I SURRENDER! KAMERAD!
THE NAZI GENERAL SAW IT ALL ... SAW HIS PROFESSIONALS KILLED BY A YOUNG AMERICAN SOLDIER... IN HIS HEART, DOUBT BECAME CERTAINTY... HITLER'S THIRD REICH WAS DOOMED!
THUD
THERE WAS AN AFTERMATH NEXT DAY...
LYDDEN! MIKE LYDDEN! GENERAL ROLLINS WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU.
UH?
I WATCHED YOU IN ACTION, MIKE, AND I'M PUTTING YOU IN FOR A MEDAL! YOU WERE AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T BE GOOD ENOUGH! HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW?
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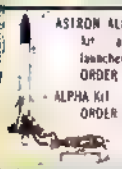

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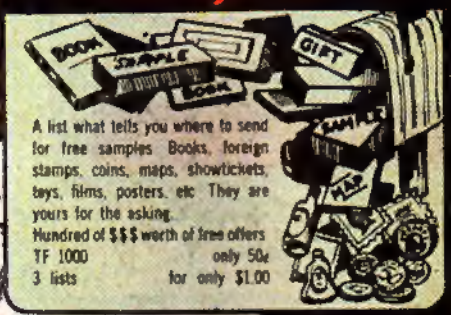

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